GREATER SIERRA VISTA AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE "WE MEAN BUSINESS"

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May 31, 2005

Arizona Corporation Commission

Attn: Docket Control Re: AEPCO 01773A-04-0528

& SWTCO E-04100A-04-0527

Proposed Rate Increase

1200 W. Washington St.

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Phoenix, AZ 85007

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To Whom It May Concern;

On behalf of The Greater Sierra Vista Area Chamber of Commerce and it's more than 800 member businesses I am writing to protest the rate increase.

The proposed increase will be damaging to the community as a whole, but none so much as the businesses. This is a small community comprised mainly of small businesses and entrepreneurs. An increase of this drastic nature could be devastating for many of them. It is the Chamber's responsibility to look out for the best interests of our members and the community. In such a role we implore you to investigate other options available that would not be so devastating to struggling businesses.

As a growing community we want to encourage new businesses to relocate to our area as well as new residents. Higher electric rates will act as a deterrent to both potential businesses and residents.

We strongly urge you to reconsider this proposal and reject it. The amount of increase is drastic and unnecessary. This is a very damaging proposal which can only hurt businesses and the community. We are sure this can be reworked to the better satisfaction of all involved.

Sincerely,

Susan Tegmeyer

President/CEO

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